

Since 1945 Canada has been a member of the Council and there has always been a Canadian member on the Air Navigation Commission. Our interest, as a major trading nation, in international air transport has been reinforced by the development within Canada of a large aeronautical engineering industry, and the development of international services by Canadian airlines. Canadian airlines now fly across the Pacific to Japan, Hong Kong and Australasia, across the Atlantic to the United Kingdom and points in Europe, and to points in South America. The recent opening of routes from North America to Europe across the polar regions offers new opportunities for Canadian airlines as well as new responsibilities for the Government.

Canada as host state to ICAO has undertaken a number of responsibilities vis-à-vis the Organization, including the granting of certain legal and fiscal immunities to foreign Council representatives and members of the Secretariat, and subsidizes the rent paid for office accommodation in Montreal so as to bring it into line with that paid by U.N. Specialized Agencies elsewhere. In addition Canada contributes on the same basis as other member states to the regular budget of ICAO which in 1957 will amount for assessment purposes to \$3,066,727; Canada's contribution will be 4.2 per cent of this amount.



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AGREEMENT ON TRAINEES

His Excellency Francis Lacoste, Ambassador of France, and Mr. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, are shown October 4 signing an agreement between France and Canada for reciprocal employment of trainees.

The trainees of each country will be graduate apprentices in industrial, commercial, agricultural or professional fields taking training-employment in the other country for a limited time.